

# IT KEPT THE FIREMEN BUSY.

## Blaze This Morning.

Started in a Dwelling, Took in Another, Then Seized Upon a Stable.

The Brooklyn firemen had a lively fight with a blaze in a collection of small buildings in the vicinity of Douglas street and Chatham avenue at an early hour this morning.

The flames were discovered at 1:20 o'clock in a two-story frame dwelling at 474 Douglas street, which was owned and occupied by Otto Heidekling and his family. They were awakened by dense clouds of smoke which came up from the cellar. With great difficulty they made their way to the sidewalk and turned in an alarm from the nearest box.

The firemen were prompt, but the flames burned so fiercely that the fire extended to the adjoining house, No. 476, also owned by Heidekling, and occupied by John Krifmar. A second alarm called more engines to the scene.

While the firemen were endeavoring to save these buildings, a firebrand was blown through an open window of a stable in the rear of the residence of William J. Fink, 310 Chatham avenue. A heap of straw caught fire, and before they were discovered tongues of flame played around the windows and threatened to extend to several other buildings in the vicinity.

Two horses in the stable were led out and taken to a place of safety. A half hour's work of the firemen was required to extinguish the flames, and in about an hour the fire was extinguished.

Heidekling estimates the loss on his buildings at \$2,000; furniture, \$1,200; the stable was damaged to the extent of \$500, and Krifmar's loss on his stable furniture. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

## NEWSBOYS AND THE CARS.

Grand Jurors Want an Old Law Enforced.

Assistant District Attorney Clarke, of Brooklyn, said this morning that the Grand Jury yesterday was at the request of that body.

The Grand Jurors showed the Commission a copy of the law of 1873, which forbids street railway companies from permitting children to jump upon the cars for the purpose of selling newspapers, candy and the like. Mr. Clarke said that the law was not enforced, and that the Grand Jury was at the request of that body.

The Commission said that such orders had been issued from time to time in the past, but he would issue another order on the subject at once.

Mr. Clarke said that the subject of taking the trolley companies to task for running faster than the law allows was the cause of the Grand Jury's action, and that the Grand Jury, reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

## DEAD WASTE OF PIE.

Henry Voesch Stole It: The Baker Regained, but Squashed It.

Little Henry Voesch's passion for pie landed him in a police cell in Williamsburg to-day.

He was passing Charles Langenbach's bakery, at 168 Grand street, this morning when he saw a number of pies in the window. He was so hungry that he almost unconsciously took one, and he almost unconsciously forgot to pay for it.

Langenbach observed the boy, and he called him. Henry fled, but he was caught by the baker's boy, and after a lively run succeeded in capturing boy and pie.

The capture, however, did not end the boy's trouble, for the baker's boy was not satisfied with the pie, and he was so hungry that he ate it. The baker's boy was so hungry that he ate it.

Henry viewed the remains with the regret that only a small boy with a large appetite can feel. He did not cheer up when the baker led him over to Lee Avenue Police Court.

## HAS A CUT TONGUE AS PROOF.

Probably the Result of a Spree, Not a Fight with Robbers.

Henry Schapp, a laborer, who lives at 433 Broadway, Williamsburg, is in the Eastern District Hospital to-day suffering from the combined effects of a spree and a cut tongue.

Schapp staggered into the Clymer street station at 2:30 this morning, and told Sergeant Rogers that he had been attacked by two men at Lorimer street and Broadway, one of whom knocked him down and the other cut his tongue. He believed the men intended to steal his watch, which is a cheap, silver affair, worth about \$1.

The police discredit Schapp's story, as he does not bear scars of the blows which he says he received, nor can any one be found who saw the fight. It is thought by the police that Schapp fell out his tongue on the sidewalk, and that he imagined the rest of the story.

## Ran Away from "Pa" Daily.

CONY ISLAND, L. I., July 24.—Jockey Joseph King, nineteen years old, was a prisoner before Justice Gleason, at Sheepshead Bay, to-day, charged with violating the apprenticeship law. King is a son of ex-Policeman Michael King, who was killed in the riot at the New York City Police Academy.

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## Suspects His Roommate.

James Cannell, of 141 Bayview street, Brooklyn, called the police today to look for a young man, who, he says, had been in his room, and who, he says, had been in his room.

## Sneak-Thief Got Her Watch.

William J. Adams, of 136 Third street, Brooklyn, told the police today that some thief had stolen his wife's gold watch, worth \$60, which had been left in the back parlor.

## DOWNING WHIPS TOM CREED.

## Savage Fight Between Brooklyn Boxers This Morning.

Referee Johnny Eckhardt Stops the Contest.

Jack Downing and Tommy Creed, both of Brooklyn, met in a finish fight at an early hour this morning in a Long Island resort. Creed was so badly pummeled at the end of the twenty-fifth round that Referee Johnny Eckhardt humanely stopped the contest and awarded the battle to Downing.

The fight was for a \$200 purse and a side bet of \$250. The men weighed in at 125 pounds each.

Creed was the favorite, due to his splendid record made as an amateur. Downing is a comparative novice at the game of punch and parry, and yet he had his opponent groggy in the second round, and was only Creed's generalship that saved him from a knockout early in the game.

Downing punished Creed savagely, and the latter bore plentiful evidence of the hard game he ran up against. Downing's punches presented any marks of ill-effects. The gloves used were said to be but two ounces in weight.

## DIDN'T KNOW SHE WAS IN NEED.

Policeman Tompkins Says He's Willing to Support His Mother.

A Daughter of David's, the Ink Manufacturer.

Policeman Edwin D. Tompkins, of the Ralph avenue station, Brooklyn, journeyed to Police Headquarters this morning to explain to Commissioner Wells why he had failed to support his widowed mother, a cripple, in destitute circumstances, and her granddaughter, Lizzie, a child of nine years.

Tompkins, in telling his story, disclosed that his mother was a daughter of Thaddeus David, the well-known writing-ink manufacturer, who died Sunday morning at his home in New Rochelle.

A letter was received by "The Evening World" last week stating that Mrs. Emma Tompkins, of 350 Evergreen avenue, was starving and had been ordered to leave her home because of non-payment of rent. Investigation showed that Mrs. Tompkins was indeed in bad circumstances.

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## MAYOR SCHIEREN ACCUSED.

## Cornell Claimed He Changed His Civil-Service Rating.

He Declined to Repeat the Charge in the Mayor's Presence.

Mayor Schieren, of Brooklyn, received a severe shock to his nervous system this morning. For several days he has been uneasy because he could not get the car of the Civil-Service Commission.

The Mayor has been restless under the imputations of fraud made against Clerk Edward Dalton, of the Commission. Dalton is charged with dictating to Joseph L. Bergen, of 56 Fourth place, to help him pass the mental examination for a position in the Police Department for a friend.

Mr. Orr came up from Montauk Point this morning to look an investigation in Dalton's case. He walked into the Mayor's office, and presented him with a copy of charges made by Samuel Cornell, a detective, who was on duty against the Mayor himself.

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# CUT BY AN ITALIAN.

## Saloon-Keeper Gurdella May Die from His Wounds.

Policeman Saved by a 'Longshoreman' with a Cotton-Hook.

A Lively Five Minutes in the Vicinity of Five Points.

A wiry, wild-eyed little Italian, with a face as red as a tomato, and a body as black as a crow, was the man who cut the throat of Saloon-Keeper Gurdella, of the Central Park Zoo attraction, created the wildest sort of excitement for five minutes in Five Points and that vicinity about 10 o'clock this morning.

He rushed into the saloon of Dolio Gurdella, 141 Worth street, brandishing a big horn-hatched pocket-knife, and sank the blade into the abdomen of the proprietor, who stood with his back to the bar talking with friends.

Then, yelling as though he were a Comanche brave on the warpath, the Italian turned upon the others, including Mrs. Gurdella, wife of the saloon-keeper, but they fled precipitately into the street leaving him in possession of the saloon.

But he didn't linger there. Dashing into the street he ran, blood-stained with wounds, into Baxter street, followed at a safe distance by a crowd of men and boys.

At the corner of Leonard street he stopped, and the crowd, claiming that he was a dangerous man, surrounded him. He was then taken to the station-house, where an ambulance was summoned from Chambers Street Hospital, and he was taken to the hospital.

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# MURDER MOST FOUL.

## Mutilated Body of an Unknown Man Found off Jersey City.

The Police Theory Is That He Was Killed on Shipboard.

Body Almost Nude and Had Been in the Water Two Days.

Captain Daniel McLean, of the Pennsylvania tugboat, Palmyra, this morning found the body of an unknown man in the river on the north side of pier 3 of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Jersey City.

The head was gone from the body and also both arms and the left leg. The flesh of the right leg was hanging from the bone in long strips and presented a horrible sight. There was a rope tied around the body.

There were no marks of identification, and the only clothing on the trunk of the body was a white cotton undershirt.

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# NEW JERSEY.

## KILLED BY RUNAWAY HORSES.

Insurance Man Foyle Knocked Unconscious in the Street.

The Animals Became Frightened at an Electric Car.

(Special to The Evening World.) PATTERSON, N. J., July 24.—J. J. Foyle, thirty-five years old, was killed by a runaway team of horses at River and Mulberry streets this morning.

William Mills, a livery-stable keeper, had secured the team an hour before from a farmer in Pearl River, Bergen County, and was driving them to a customer's house on Mulberry street.

They had never seen an electric car before, and were frightened at one in West street. They dashed into a telephone pole in front of Broadhead's mill and broke the harness.

Mr. Mills concluded that it was time for him to make his escape. He climbed over the back of the horse and tried to slide off. He was hurled ten feet into the mud.

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